

NOTICE OF DECISION UNDER REGULATION 32 FILM POSTERS

VIDEO SLICK

TO: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
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Pursuant to regulation 32 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Regulations 1994 the film poster entitled:

Asian Dreams Explosion Boys

is **Not Approved.**

if approval refused, the reasons for the decision:

The video slick entitled *Asian Dreams Explosion Boys* is not approved because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The video slick presents images of a European male as a young person engaging in sexual activity along with other Asian males, most of whom appear to be young persons. The title and text reinforces this presentation by referring to the participants collectively as "boys". Given the manner of this presentation, and the fact that this video slick advertises a video recording intended for adult sexual arousal, the viewer is encouraged to make a connection between the sexual characteristics of young persons and adult sexual activity. Presenting the idea that young persons are legitimate partners for sexual activity as this slick does results in the publication tending to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The criteria used by the Classification Office to limit the availability of this publication is prescribed by law. For the reasons given above, this publication tends to promote and support an activity listed in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, thus deeming the publication objectionable. A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act. However in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in any free and democratic society.

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Date: 08 May 2002

For the Classification Office (signed):

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